

**REMARKS**

**Co-Pending Patents and Patent Application**

To fully comply with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicants and Applicant's attorney hereby disclose the existence of the following related and commonly owned patents and patent application:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/677,134,

U.S. Patent No. 6,874,010

U.S. Patent No. 6,988,249

U.S. Patent No. 7,020,697

U.S. Patent No. 7,068,680

**Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for these issued patents and applications, since the specification and at least some claims of these patents and applications may include common or significantly related subject matter. Applicant further respectfully requests acknowledgment on the record for this application of such a review by the Examiner.**

**The Examiner is specifically encouraged to carefully review the office actions, and the basis of the rejections of all of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 7,020,697, due to the possibility of similarities of at least some of the limitations included in the claims.**

In addition, in an abundance of caution, Applicant discloses the existence of four commonly owned, abandoned patent applications, some of which are incorporated by reference in the present application, namely: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,227, filed September 29, 2000, entitled ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS (now abandoned); U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/675,913, filed September 29, 2000, entitled INFORMATION SERVICE ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS (now abandoned); U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,580, filed September 29, 2000, entitled ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS (now abandoned); and U.S.

Serial No. 09/676,584  
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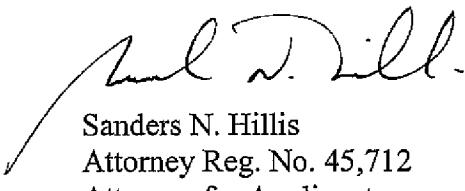
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Patent Application Serial No. 09/677,065, filed September 29, 2000, entitled DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS (now abandoned).

**The Examiner is specifically encouraged to carefully review the office actions, and the basis of the rejections of Claims 8, 13, 14 and 47 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,227, due to the possibility of similarities of at least some of the limitations included in the claims.**

No additional fees are believed to be due for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment submitted with the Request for Continued Examination, however, should any fees be deemed required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925, as indicated in the accompanying Transmittal.

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